

Title 30-A
Section 4349-A
State Capital Investments

Maine State Government's
Commitment to
Downtown
An Extract from

Subsection 2. **State facilities.**

The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall develop site selection criteria for state office buildings, state courts hospitals and other quasi-public facilities and other civic buildings that serve public clients and customers, whether owned or leased by the State, that give preference to the priority locations identified in this subsection while ensuring safe, healthy, appropriate work space for employees and clients and accounting for agency requirements. On-site parking may only be required if is necessary to meet critical program needs and to ensure reasonable access for agency clients and persons with disabilities. Employee parking that is within reasonable walking distance may be located off site. If there is a change in employee parking from on-site parking to off-site parking, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services must consult with the duly authorized bargaining agent or agents of the employees. Preference must be given to priority locations in the following order: service center downtowns, service center growth areas and downtowns and growth areas in other than service center

communities. If no suitable priority location exists or if the priority location would financial hardship on the occupant or is not within a reasonable distance of the clients and customers served, the facility must be located in accordance with subsection 1. The following state facilities are exempt from this subsection: a state liquor store; a lease of less than 500 square feet; and a lease with a tenure less than one year including renewals. [2001, c.90, section 2 (amended); c 407, section 13 (amended), c593, section 1 (amended).]